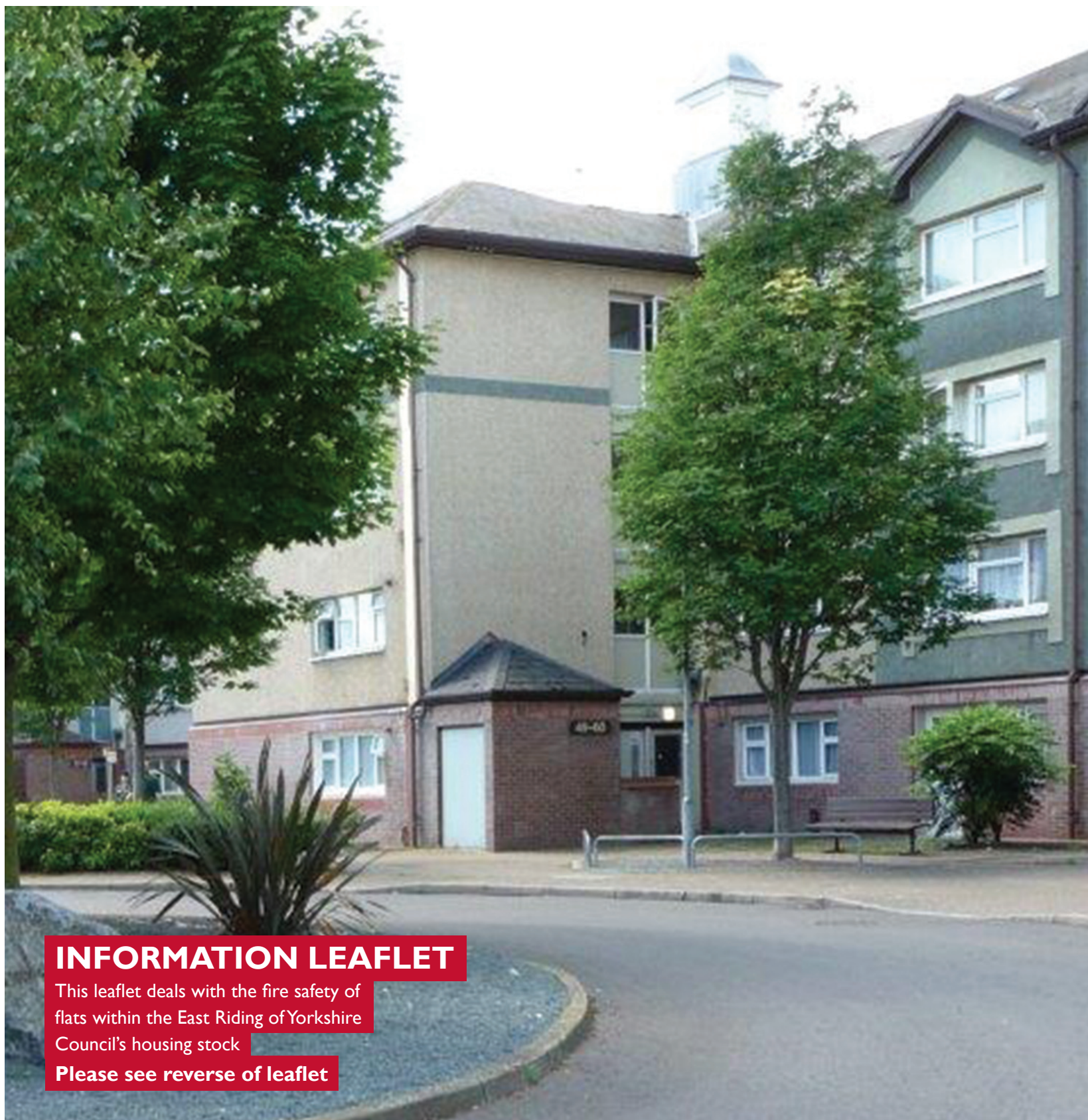


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## INFORMATION LEAFLET

This leaflet deals with the fire safety of flats within the East Riding of Yorkshire Council's housing stock

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# The fire safety of flats within East Riding of Yorkshire Council's housing stock

**FOLLOWING** the tragic events of the Grenfell Tower fire in London we have received a number of enquiries about the fire safety of flats within East Riding of Yorkshire Council's housing stock.

The East Riding of Yorkshire Council does not have any high rise tower blocks.

However, we have produced this information leaflet for those tenants and leaseholders living in Wilbert Court, Beverley, Kingston Rise, Willerby and Eastgate Flats, Goole, which are four storeys or more and considered medium rise flats.

## **WILBERT COURT** (six storey)

This building was refurbished in 2003/4 and is of traditional concrete and brick construction and the majority of flats have two alternative fire escape staircases to use in the event of an emergency.

## **KINGSTON RISE** (up to four storey)

These flats are of a traditional concrete and brick/masonry construction.

## **EASTGATE FLATS** (four storey)

These were refurbished by the former Boothferry Borough Council.

Whilst they have been externally clad as part of this refurbishment scheme, the cladding is of a cement render, applied directly onto the external structure and not the same as used on Grenfell Tower.

## **WHAT WE HAVE DONE AND WHAT WE ARE GOING TO DO:**

- All the flats mentioned above have been inspected on a regular basis by specialist fire engineers on our behalf. Any work identified in their survey reports, to maintain or improve the fire safety, has been undertaken as part of the council's capital programme.
- As a precautionary measure we will be instructing the fire engineers to re-visit these properties within the near future to give additional reassurance. We would however stress that this is purely a precautionary measure and it is not expected that we will identify any significant construction deficiencies but will be helpful to ensure the house-keeping and management of the buildings is to the required standards. We would also welcome your co-operation whilst these checks are made.
- The remainder of the authority's housing stock is low rise (ie less than four storey) and of traditional masonry construction. None of the council's homes have been externally over-clad using a rain screen cladding system similar to that believed to have been used in the Grenfell Tower fire in London.



## Message to tenants from Humberside Fire and Rescue service

**DEPUTY chief fire officer Chris Blacksell wants to reassure anyone living in high-rise properties across the Humberside area.**

"Our thoughts are with everyone who has been affected by this tragedy.

"It would be wrong to speculate about the cause until a full investigation has been carried out by the appropriate authorities in London.

"However, on a local level, what we do know is that fires of this type are rare.

"High-rise buildings are designed to resist fire, stop the spread of smoke and provide a safe means of escape.

"Most fires don't spread further than one or two rooms.

"Our public safety teams work closely with partner agencies and housing associations to help them put measures in place to make these buildings as safe as possible.

"Our crews also train regularly at these locations to familiarise themselves with the layout of the buildings and the obvious challenges faced at fire incidents.

"However, it is vital that residents remember exactly what to do in the event of a fire so that they can protect themselves and their families.

"All buildings of this type will have their own unique evacuation plan and residents should familiarise themselves with these and check that smoke alarms in their own properties are fitted and working.

"If your alarm sounds or you become aware of a fire in another flat, our advice is always get out, stay out and call 999.

"Never assume that someone has already made the call."

## **CONTACT US**

**If you have any further concerns or queries, contact your local housing office, telephone: (01482) 396301 or email: [housing.services@eastriding.gov.uk](mailto:housing.services@eastriding.gov.uk)**